



## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.114**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: February 19, 2008

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be further amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated October 18, 2007, the period for response having been extended to February 19, 2008 (February 18, 2008, falling on a federal holiday).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.